



Dear RSC Friends and Colleagues,

In May, when I wrote with a series of updates on the RSC's organizational response to COVID-19, I emphasized my gratitude to the many colleagues who supported these efforts. I would like to repeat this sentiment, thanking those RSC members who have ensured the success of our ongoing activities. The highlights of recent achievements, both anticipated and unanticipated, can be found in this edition of our eNews.

With respect to the COVID-19 activities, I would like to recognize the commitment of Tom Marrie and the members of Task Force , which has resulted in an impressive number of excellent publications and Policy Briefings. The response to the three rounds of our survey to members has also been most impressive. This degree of engagement supports the Board's decision to approve a budget for this fiscal year that supports our continued focus on Canada's response to and recovery from COVID-19. .

I must also acknowledge the devoted work of numerous members, as well the Walter House staff, as their dedication ensured the election of new members and the selection of candidates for the RSC awards proceeded on-time. Earlier this week I wrote to 86 new Fellows and 50 new Members of the RSC College congratulating them on having accepted election to the RSC. I also spoke with 16 outstanding scholars who will be recipients of this year's RSC awards. When you read the biographies of those being honored this fall, you will be inspired by their remarkable achievements.

The Board of Directors has been proactively engaged in extending the RSC's commitment to Black, Indigenous, and other racialized members of the RSC, and to all marginalised and oppressed communities (see our statements to this effect here).

This eNews has updates from the past few months and outlines opportunities to engage this summer and fall. This includes the preliminary programme for our 7-day, 70-event COEE, which will combine in-person activities with enhanced digital engagement.

On behalf of the Board and the Council, I'd like to everyone for your continued engagement and support: it is making a difference.

Sincerely,

Jeremy N. McNeil, President